

# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS,* the City of Alameda joins with the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education, the Alameda Parent Teacher Association Council, Pedestrian Friendly Alameda, and BikeAlameda in promoting October as International Walk to School Month and Wednesday, October 5, 2011, as Alameda's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk and Roll to School Day at various schools; and
- WHEREAS,* this event will focus on the benefits of walking, bicycling, skating, skateboarding, and riding a scooter or wheelchair rather than driving to school, as well as on creating Safe Routes to Schools, and on contributing to cleaner, safer, and environmentally healthier schools for children; and
- WHEREAS,* this day is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors to spend more time with children, reduce car use and traffic hazards, promote physical activity, and help make a safer community; and
- WHEREAS,* this day gives everyone the chance to take an active part in an international event and walk with children from around the world; and
- WHEREAS,* by using the school route maps and traffic safety tips provided by the Public Works Department, students will become better non-motorized travelers, and they will learn to become better motorists when they get behind the wheel of a car; and
- WHEREAS,* walking, bicycling, skating, skateboarding, and riding a scooter or wheelchair are important forms of transportation that contribute to the daily physical activity that we all need.

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,* that I, Marie L. Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim October as International Walk to School Month and October 5 as

## *WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY 2011*

and invite all Alameda residents, businesses, civic groups, and other organizations to participate.

*Marie L. Gilmore*

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Mayor

City Council  
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